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## **MINUTES OF THE JOINT TRANSPORTATION & ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ROOM 416, STATE CAPITOL BUILDING**

**Wednesday, January 24, 2001**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sen. Michael Waddoups, Co-Chair  
Rep. Don E. Bush, Co-Chair  
Sen. Millie Peterson  
Rep. Stephen D. Clark  
Rep. Neil A. Hansen  
Rep. Wayne A. Harper  
Rep. Neal B. Hendrickson  
Rep. Joseph G. Murray  
Rep. Merlynn T. Newbold  
Rep. Max W. Young

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Sen. Al Mansell  
Sen. Terry Spencer

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mark C. Bleazard, Fiscal Analyst  
Janeece Stock, Committee Secretary

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Chair Rep. Bush called the meeting to order at 2:09 p.m.

Rep. Hansen moved to approve the minutes of January 17, 2001 and January 22, 2001, with the following corrections:

January 17, 2001 - Tom "Warne" is the correct spelling

January 22, 2001 - Terry Spencer was excused from the tour

The motion to approve the minutes as amended passed unanimously.

Sen. Bush yielded the floor to Sen. Waddoups to open the discussion of the Utah National Guard budget as outlined in Section 3 of the Budget Analysis Report.

Sen. Waddoups yielded the floor to Mark Bleazard, Analyst. Mr. Bleazard reviewed the Glossary of Budget Vocabulary from Section 1 of the Analysis Report including verification of FY 2001 (the year we are residing in) and FY 2002 (the budget year we are working on - July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002). Also, there will be "tentative votes" as well as "final votes".

The Analyst then continued the discussion of the Nation Guard Budget Recommendations for FY 2002:

Page 4 2.0 Budget Highlights - Utah National Guard

2.1 Orem Facility Maintenance

- An appropriation of \$50,000 should be considered for maintenance of the Orem facility built by the National Guard and shared with Utah Valley State College.

2.2 Reorganization of Veterans Programs

- Division of Veterans' Affairs was transferred to the National Guard in FY 2001.
- Veterans Cemetery will be transferred in FY 2002, precipitating the January 22, 2001 tour to view facilities at Camp Williams.
- Veterans' Nursing Home will be transferred in FY2003
- Analyst recommendations will complete the first two transfers.

2.3 Retirement Rate Adjustments

- The Analyst has made adjustment totaling (\$153,700)

Page 5 3.1 Programs: Utah National Guard - Administration

- The Analyst recommends \$500,300 to fund administrative salaries, benefits, travel and other expenditures as necessary.

Page 7 3.2 Programs: Armory Maintenance

- The Analyst recommends \$14,565,500 to fund armory maintenance personnel and travel expenses, communication services, buildings and grounds, operations and maintenance, utilities, and risk management insurance.

Page 9 3.3 Programs: Veterans' Affairs

- The Analyst recommends \$174,200 to fund the Veteran's Affairs Program reorganization.

Page 10 3.4 Programs: Veterans' Cemetery

- This section includes a letter from the Auditor General to Speaker Stephens outlining a review of assets, personnel, capital, and other long-term needs at the Veterans' Cemetery and Memorial Park.
- HB 140, passed last year, reorganized veteran related programs to transfer the responsibility for three entities staggered over three years. The Analyst recommends \$171,000 be transferred from the Dept. of Natural Resources to the National Guard for the FY 2002 transfer of the cemetery responsibility.

- In addition, the Analyst recommends consideration be given the by committee for an additional \$63,000 for operation of the cemetery, a one-time expenditure of \$93,000 for capital improvements, and \$152,000 for equipment purchases be appropriated as requested in the letter from the Auditor General.

Sen. Waddoups opened the floor to a discussion of correcting the problems that caused the water damage to the chapel, indicating that unless the cause was not dealt with, the damage would continue to occur and the repairs would be an ongoing expense. He suggested that rain gutters could solve the problem.

Darren Underwood, Auditor Generals Office, and Tim Osterstock, Audit Manager, addressed the concerns of the committee regarding the cause of the water damage. The roof repair is underway but it is not clear whether the planned repairs will correct the problem. The Analyst will contact DFCM to determine the definite plans for correcting the water runoff issue.

Lieutenant Colonel Peter Wilson, Utah National Guard, gave a response to the budget analysis.

MOTION: Sen. Peterson moved to approve \$15,411,000 for the National Guard for FY 2002, and to include \$308,000 for the Veterans' Cemetery and \$200,000 one-time General Fund for a cemetery master plan be placed on a priority list to be funded if revenue becomes available.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Waddoups, Rep. Hansen, and Rep. Clark absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Peterson moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

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Don E. Bush, Co-Chair

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Michael Waddoups, Co-Chair